#### UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency Washington, DC 20250 **Notice NAP-28** 

For: State and County Offices

**Publicizing Production Reports for NAP** 

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#### 1 Overview

## A Background

Notice NAP-24 was issued December 23, 1998. In part, Notice NAP-24 instructed County Offices to publicize NAP. County Offices were to provide a report to State Offices on publicity efforts.

Reports from several States indicate that many offices are not asking producers to report prior year production when current year acreage reports are being filed.

Regulations governing NAP require that for each crop for which an acreage report is filed, the producer must report all production for that acreage not later than the immediately subsequent crop year acreage reporting date for the crop.

Both acreage and production are necessary for APH-calculated approved yields under NAP.

Producers who fail to report production as required may suffer by having reduced approved yields computed. Further, producers are permitted to revise APH databases only according to specific guidelines in 1-NAP, paragraph 260.

### B Purpose

This notice reminds County Offices to:

- advise producers of the requirement for reporting 1998 production
- obtain a 1998 report of production on a manual FCI-19A or CCC-452, when available, for producers who reported 1998 crop acreage when 1999 acreage reports are filed.

**Note:** CCC-451 may be used to obtain a forage production report; however, producers shall also sign a manual FCI-19A or CCC-452, when available, for APH-approved yield purposes.

Disposal Date	Distribution
October 1, 1999	State Offices; States Offices relay to County Offices

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# **Publicizing NAP**

1-NAP, subparagraph 6 B, provides that COC's shall publicize all significant information about NAP, including, but not limited to:

- producer and crop eligibility (paragraphs 28 and 171)
- acreage reporting requirements (paragraph 151 and 2-CP)
- FSA-574 requirements (paragraph 401)
- requirement of disposition on reported crop acreage (paragraph 155)
- production reporting requirements (paragraphs 302 and 303)
- deadline for filing application for payment (paragraph 502)
- other applicable dates and deadlines (paragraph 10).

# B County Office Action

## County Offices shall:

- encourage producers to report 1998 and prior year production when 1999 acreage reports are being filed
- advise all producers of the importance of acreage and production reports for NAP
- publicize NAP by most practicable means available
- submit a report of publicity efforts to the State Office by July 2, 1999.

# C State Office Action

## State Offices shall:

- review reports of publicity to ensure that adequate information is being publicized
- instruct County Offices to encourage producers to satisfy all NAP requirements
- ask DD's to review 1999 acreage and 1998 production reports to ensure that production reports are being obtained as required.

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